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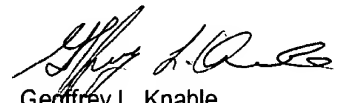
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1. The reply/election filed on October 14, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The species election does not provide a complete listing of all claims readable on the elected species. In particular, the election indicates that claims 61-64 and 90-93 read on the elected species with claims 59, 75, 88 and 104 being identified as generic. However, the status of claims 60, 65-74, 89 and 94-103 was not mentioned and is not entirely clear. While the omission of these claims from the listing of claims readable on the elected species would normally be read as an indication that these claims do not read on the elected species, a cursory examination of these claims indicates that it would seem that at least some of these claims do in fact read on the elected species (although perhaps in some cases they are generic). In order that there is no ambiguity in what claims are to be examined, applicant is requested to provide a complete listing of ***all*** claims (including generic claims) that are readable on the elected species, i.e. to clarify the status of claims 60, 65-74, 89 and 94-103 that were not specifically referenced in the species election.

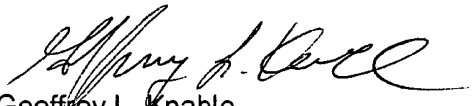
See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Geoffrey L. Knable whose telephone number is 571-272-1220. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on 703-308-3853. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0651.

  
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